

# UNITED-WE WILL STAY in HEEIA-KEA!!

## AN OPEN STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII:

About two months ago, the families in Heeia Kea received unofficial eviction notices from Hawaiian Electric (HECO) for the reason that our homes were "not fit to live in"

It was then that we decided to organize against our evictions because we saw that HECO and Bishop Estate did the same thing to our families in 1964 and 1967. THE SAME REASON WAS USED TO EVICT THESE FAMILIES, AND THE SAME REASON IS BEING USED TO EVICT US.

HECO AND BISHOP ESTATE ARE LYING TO US!! We know the real reason for evicting us is they want to BUILD A POWER PLANT FOR THE BIG DEVELOPERS AND LANDOWNERS LIKE JOE PAO, GEORGE SAKODA, MIKE McCORMACK, ZION SECURITIES, CAMPBELL ESTATE AND CASTLE ESTATE. This was admitted to by HECO's vice president, Richard Summers in a June 30th meeting with the community.

The way we see it is these guys want to make more money off of us like they have been doing all these years to our people. WE WILL FIGHT BACK!!

We have relied on our own people power to put pressure on HECO and Bishop Estate, and we intend to continue. On May 19, we confronted Carl Williams, HECO's president in his office and demanded negotiations with HECO. We got a 15 day extension (from July 15 to Aug. 1) and were told by Williams HECO would consider long term leases if the people did their own repairs on their homes. We left his office with the clear understanding that we would submit our own plan and negotiate with HECO. On June 9th we submitted a general plan letter and hand delivered it to Williams, and demanded to set up the first meeting with them. After we refused to leave his office, Williams granted a meeting. This meeting was held just to set up negotiations with the community. After Williams set up a meeting with us, he called the police in to escort us out. On June 12, both the community and HECO agreed to hold the first negotiation meeting on June 30 at HECO's baseyard in Heeia Kea. THIS WAS the moment that HECO turned their commitment to us into LIES! A meeting between our lawyer and HECO's lawyer (State Senator Fred Rolhfing) was held on June 26th, with some of us present. It was then we found that HECO had no intention to negotiate with us--THEY WANT US OUT. HECO is hiding behind the Tenant-Landlord Code saying that our homes falling down, and they cannot risk it. We know THIS IS NOT THE TRUTH, because we have put our own money and labor to make repairs on our homes in the last 5 years. Negotiations on June 30th was a big SHIBAI, because HECO has been lying to us all along.

200 people, both residents and other struggles united to picket the baseyard in Heeia Kea on June 30th, and we told HECO that We will stay and fight all the way, and we broke off negotiation knowing that ONLY PEOPLE POWER CAN DEFEAT THE RICH!!

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN WIN IS FOR ALL OTHER STRUGGLES TO JOIN UP AND BUILD A PEOPLES' STRUGGLE.

We know that if we are evicted, and a power plant is built it will mean many more future evictions along the Windward Coast and all over Hawaii. We know that our fight is everyone's fight- the young and old, poor and working people. The 200 people who joined us on June 30th from Sand Island, Chinatown, Ewa, Waiahole-Waikane and Hauula face eviction from the same people. THERE IS UNITY AMONG OUR PEOPLE, AND EVERYDAY WE ARE GETTING STRONGER. WE UNITE WITH OTHER STRUGGLES AND ARE ORGANIZED TO FIGHT BACK. WE WILL WIN!!!

## **Aug. 1- Hawn. Electric & Bishop Estate Want Us Out- WE WILL STAY AND FIGHT!**

We have become a strong and unified people determined to defend our homes. Hawaiian Electric and Bishop Estate are working hand in hand to attack us using lies to scare us into moving out. We know they want us out because they want to make more profits for themselves, while they keep screwing our people throughout Hawaii. If we are poor, they cut our welfare checks; if we are working people in their hotels, companies, state and city agencies, they pay us low wages or lay us off.

Unemployment, low wages, poor working conditions, high prices, evictions, condemnation of land, high priced development, destruction of our culture- all of these problems are put on the backs of us by big business, big banks, our government officials, big landowners, big developers and our legislators- only because it means more money for them.

There are just a few hundred of them--- WE ARE THOUSANDS.

### **PEOPLE UNITED WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED!!**



## **KOKUA OUR STRUGGLE**

### **Save Heeia - Heeia kea Movement**

OUR FIGHT IS YOUR FIGHT TO WIN  
OVER THE RICH!!

INVITE US TO TALK TO YOUR PEOPLE  
AND SHOW OUR SLIDESHOW.

WE NEED HELP TO PASS OUT LEAFLETS

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